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SUBJ: 63RD ECOSOC - ITEM 27 - CALENDAR OF CONFERENCE

1. THE POLICY AND PROGRAM COORDINATION COMMITTEE CONCLUDED ITS WORK THE MORNING OF AUGUST 2 BY ADOPTING FOUR DECISIONS ON THE CALENDAR OF CONFERENCE.

2. THE FIRST CONCERNED THE DATES OF THE UN TCDC CONFERENCE, CHANGING DATES FROM 12-16 SEPTEMBER 1977, TO 19-23 SEPTEMBER 1977.

3. THE SECOND, SUBMITTED BY CANADA, READS: "ECOSOC REQUESTS ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES, THROUGH THE BUREAU OF THE COUNCIL, WHICH SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING TIMING AND COORDINATION OF PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN THE BASIC PATTERNS OF THEIR SESSION BEFORE SUBMITTING THEM TO THE COUNCIL FOR ITS CONSIDERATION." THIS DECISION WAS PASSED BY A VOTE OF 26-4-5 AFTER A CONFUSING DISCUSSION IN WHICH THE PURPOSES OF THE DECISION TENDED TO GET LOST. THE SOVIET BLOC VOTED AGAINST, THE U.S. DID NOT VOTE.

4. THE THIRD DECISION POSTPONED THE CONVENING OF THE COMMISSION ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING, LEAVING THE DECISION UP TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION OF ECOSOC IN 1977 TO DETERMINE THE NEED AND DATE FOR SUCH A MEETING IN THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS AT THE 32ND UNGA ON THE HABITAT ISSUES.

5. THE FINAL DECISION, ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE, READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL DECIDES TO:

(A) APPROVE THE PROVISIONAL CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS FOR 1978 AND 1979 (E/L.1769 AND CORR.1), AS AMENDED IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSION IN THE COUNCIL AT ITS 63RD SESSION;

(B) ADOPT, ON A REGULAR BASIS, A BIENNIAL CYCLE OF MEETINGS TO CORRESPOND TO THE PROGRAMME BUDGET CYCLE FOR BETTER ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL;

(C) AUTHORIZE THE COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, AND WHEN REQUIRED ON AN AD HOC BASIS, AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE BIENNIAL CYCLE OF MEETINGS, TO HOLD BRIEF MEETINGS - WHICH WOULD BE ADDITIONAL TO THE COMMITTEE'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS - DURING SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL, IN YEARS WHEN THE COMMITTEE WOULD NOT NORMALLY BE MEETING, USING THE MEETINGS FACILITIES ALLOCATED TO THE COUNCIL;

(D) TAKE NOTE WITH SATISFACTION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE BASIC PATTERNS OF THE SESSIONS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

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